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10	CONDUCTED BY CPD DETECTIVE ABDALLA ABUZANAT
11	on July 16, 2017 at 9:33 p.m.
12	at the offices of the
13	Area North Detective Division
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1	DETECTIVE GODUTO: Okay, Mr. you can have a
2	seat over here. Mr. your first name is
3	MR. Yes.
4	DETECTIVE GODUTO: We would like to talk to you
5	about an incident that occurred on the 16 th of July 2017
6	at a little after 3 o'clock in the morning, in the area
7	basically of Diversey and like Mulligan. Would you like
8	to talk to us about it?
9	MR. Ah, yes.
10	DETECTIVE GODUTO: Okay. And you do realize you're
11	being video-recorded at this time.
12	MR. Yes, I do.
13	DETECTIVE GODUTO: Nobody's made any threats or
14	promises to you? You're doing this of your own free
15	will?
16	MR. Yes.
17	DETECTIVE GODUTO: Okay, very good. Just for the
18	record, this case is documented under JA349890. I'm
19	Detective Leonard Goduto.
20	DETECTIVE ABUZANAT: I'm Detective Abdalla Abuzanat.
21	DETECTIVE GODUTO: My partner's gonna kind of take
22	it from here. We're just going to go over what what
23	happened tonight. Okay?
24	MR. Okay.

1	DETECTIVE ABUZANAT: Okay. The time now is 9:33 on
2	the 16 th of July.
3	EXAMINATION
4	BY DETECTIVE ABUZANAT:
5	Q Mr. you remember you and I spoke
6	earlier at the scene
7	A Uh-hum, yes.
8	Q and you gave me your version of events.
9	Kindly walk us through what we've talked about. You said
10	earlier that you left your residence. You live in Aurora
11	:==
12	A Yes, sir.
13	Q correct?
14	A Yes.
15	Q And you left that residence with?
16	A With my girlfriend.
17	Q Okay. And then you went to pick up?
18	A Her brother.
19	Q Okay. Who lives in the same city?
20	A In Aurora, yes.
21	Q Yes.
22	BY DETECTIVE GODUTO:
23	Q Mr. the name of your girlfriend and
24	the name of her brother, can we have that please?

1	A Ah, her name is (phonetic). Her
2	brother's name is (phonetic).
3	Q Okay. And you know their last names as well,
4	correct?
5	A Ah, right, (phonetic).
6	Q Okay. Was there anybody else with you?
7	A Not at the moment.
8	BY DETECTIVE ABUZANAT:
9	Q At that time, it was just the three of you?
10	A Yes.
11	Q Okay. So, afterwards, you went to do what,
12	after you guys
13	A After after I picked up her her brother?
14	Q Uh-hum.
15	A We decided to go to go get something to eat.
16	So then we go to the McDonald's that was on Eolla.
17	Q On where? I'm sorry.
18	A Eolla.
19	Q Eolla, that's in Aurora?
20	A That's in Aurora, yes.
21	Q Okay. So you guys had a nice meal at the at
22	the McDonald's.
23	A Uh-hum.
24	Q And then you where did you head after that?

1	A Well after that, I believe that said
2	Lake up to Lake Shore Drive.
3	Q Lake Shore Drive, in the city. Now, let me
4	just back up a second. You and your girlfriend left your
5	house around what time?
6	A Maybe roughly like 8:30-ish.
7	Q Okay. So after after picking up her brother
8	and you went to McDonald's, you guys headed to the city,
9	Lake Shore Drive, Michigan Avenue, somewhere downtown.
10	A Yes.
11	Q Okay.
12	DETECTIVE GODUTO: Can I interrupt you for one
13	second? Can you please speak up?
14	MR. Oh, yes, yes.
15	DETECTIVE GODUTO: Okay. See how he's talking kind
16	of loud. I'm talking kinda loud.
17	MR. Oh, yes.
18	DETECTIVE ABUZANAT: Sometimes with these walls
19	there's an echo.
20	MR. Uh-hum.
21	DETECTIVE ABUZANAT: And if we ask you a question,
22	instead of nodding yes/no, it's better than uh-hum/uh-uh.
23	So we don't know if it's yes or no.
24	MR. Oh, okay.

1	BY DETECT	IVE ABUZANAT:
2	Q	Okay, so at some point, you guys are driving
3	downtown,	what happens afterwards?
4	A	We're driving downtown and then either I
5	think I s	aid to call to call to see where he
6	live. So	I think either I think she my girlfriend
7	called hi	m or me. I forgot.
8	Q	Now, earlier you told me you called him by
9	(p	honetic).
10	A	Yes.
11	Q	So and are the same person?
12	A	Yes.
13	Q	Okay. So, either yourself or your girlfriend
14	decided t	o call
15	А	Yes.
16	Q	And to and to and to do what?
17	А	Still the same thing, downtown.
18	Q	So, you wanted to meet up with him?
19	А	Yes.
20	Q	Okay. And so what happened afterwards?
21	A	Afterwards I tell him where like I was, and
22	then like	he gave me like an address to to like the
23	laundroma	t.
24	Q	Okay.

1	A There was a laundromat some somewhere that
2	he was by.
3	Q Was this in the city, the laundromat, or was it
4	
5	A In the city, yes.
6	Q Do you remember was it an address that you
7	put in the GPS, or was it just verbal directions like,
8	you know, just go straight, turn right?
9	A He told me to go like all the way straight
10	down. Like I I forgot which street. And then he just
11	told me to turn left, I think.
12	Q Left when you get to what?
13	A I forgot the street.
14	Q Oh. No, did he tell you did he give you
15	like a reference point? Like you turn when you see the
16	Shell station on your left, you know, make a left, or
17	something. Did he say something like that?
18	A Oh, he tell me, once I seen once I see I
19	don't know if it was a Shell, or
20	Q Okay.
21	A or a Speedway.
22	Q So, a gas station?
23	A Yeah, a gas station. Just just make a left
24	and keep going straight until I see until I see the

1	laundromat and like just pull in.
2	Q Okay.
3	A And then and just wait for him.
4	Q Okay. And did you do that?
5	A Yes, I did.
6	Q Okay. And when you got there, was he there or
7	did you have to wait for him? Was he waiting for you?
8	A No, I had to I had to wait for him.
9	Q About how long, you remember?
10	A Like three minutes, four minutes.
11	Q Three minutes?
12	A Uh-hum.
13	Q Okay. Did he did he come walking out of car
14	or a building, or just
15	A I don't know. He just walked up.
16	Q He just walked up. You don't know where he
17	came from.
18	A Yes, 'cause the car was the car there was
19	like a parking space right here, and then so so the
20	car was just straight in. So, I was looking under the
21	thing like straight.
22	Q Okay. And where did he come from, from the
23	back?
24	A He came from the my right.

1	Q Okay. Okay. So, he gets in he gets in your
2	car?
3	A Yeah.
4	Q Okay. Where where does he sit?
5	A He sits right behind me.
6	Q Right behind you? The rear passenger behind
7	you?
8	A Yes.
9	Q Okay. Then what'd you guys talk about? What'd
10	you guys
11	A Oh, and then and then I asked my girlfriend
12	if she was like hungry.
13	Q Okay.
14	A And then she said, yes. So then, so we decided
15	to go to Logan Square, 'cause we know that there's a lot
16	of like restaurants there good things to eat.
17	Q Okay.
18	A So I seen like I'd not sure from my GPS or
19	was just telling me to go this way that way, 'cause
20	he's familiar with like the area.
21	Q Okay.
22	BY DETECTIVE GODUTO:
23	Q Can you kinda go over the car that you were in?
24	Whose car was that?

1	A Oh, the car? The car is my mom's my mom's.
2	But she forgot to take the title to hers.
3	Q Okay. That car is a Mercury Sable, Impreza?
4	A An Impreza, four-door.
5	Q So that that's a four-door car, correct?
6	A Yes, it's a four-door car.
7	Q Okay. Just kinda give us the rundown, okay? I
8	know you were driving.
9	A Uh-hum.
10	Q I know was sitting behind you.
11	A Yes.
12	Q The other two passengers in the car, where were
13	they sitting? Where was girlfriend?
14	A My girlfriend was sitting right right next
15	to me. And then
16	Q So she was a front seat passenger?
17	A Yes.
18	Q Okay. And then her brother, where was her
19	brother sitting?
20	A Behind her.
21	Q Behind her in the backseat. Okay.
22	BY DETECTIVE ABUZANAT:
23	Q So, he was next to
24	A Yes.

1	Q Okay. So he decided to go to Logan Square to
2	grab some food.
3	A A burger and some chicken wings.
4	Q Okay. And did you do that?
5	A Yes.
6	Q Okay. Do you remember the name of the place?
7	A No. It's like a red a restaurant.
8	Q So, you did you did you eat in or did you
9	
10	A Well, well we actually got the food to to
11	take it to and eat, but we never got to eat it
12	though.
13	Q Okay. So you you just took the food to go,
14	and you decided that you were going to go to where
15	lives.
16	A Yes.
17	Q And you were gonna park in the alley
18	A And eat.
19	Q behind his house, and eat it there.
20	A Yes.
21	Q Okay. Then what happened?
22	A So, after we got something to eat. After that?
23	Q Okay, yeah, what happened? After you after
24	you

1	A After we
2	Q got the food, and drove away
3	A We were driving towards at house and
4	Q Okay. What was do you remember what street
5	you were on?
6	A I don't remember what street, but I think I
7	made a I think I made a right to go into like the
8	street that he lives on.
9	Q Do you remember the name of the street?
10	A I don't remember. I think something with an
11	"M", Mandea (phonetic). I forgot the name of the street.
12	Q Okay.
13	A I don't know it.
14	BY DETECTIVE GODUTO:
15	Q Would it be fair to say he lives near Diversey
16	and Mulligan?
17	A Yes.
18	Q Okay. And this incident Diversey's kind of
19	a main street that runs east and west.
20	A Uh-hum.
21	Q Do you remember at any point being on Diversey?
22	A Oh, yes, I do.
23	Q Okay, and then you probably turn at some point
24	on Diversey towards

1	A Towards
2	Q house
3	A house.
4	Q which would put you if you made a right,
5	north of Diversey, like in a north alley.
6	A Uh-hum.
7	Q Okay.
8	A Yes.
9	Q Go ahead.
10	A And so and so then I turned in on his
11	street, right? And then I think I seen a cop but I
12	didn't know what he was doing. I think he was coming.
13	BY DETECTIVE ABUZANAT:
14	Q Was it a police officer, or a police vehicle?
15	A It was not a car, but like the big ones.
16	Q Oh, like a SUV?
17	A Yes.
18	Q Okay. So so it was it was a police car
19	A Yes.
20	Q a SUV. Okay.
21	A Yes. So, then we go, and then and then we
22	turned in the alley that leads to his behind his
23	house. So then the cop followed us, and like the cops
24	shined the lights inside the alley, so then they could

1	pull over to the right. So I put the car in park.
2	BY DETECTIVE GODUTO:
3	Q Okay, wait a minute. Let me stop you here. So,
4	you were under the impression you were being stopped by
5	the police.
6	A Uh-hum.
7	Q Okay. When the police stop people they
8	normally put those blue lights on. Sometimes they even
9	hit an air horn or a siren. Do you remember seeing the
10	blue lights?
11	A He had the blue lights, yes.
12	Q Okay, and the spot lights, right?
13	A Yeah, spot lights, yeah the white spot light.
14	Yes, I remember.
15	Q Okay. And do you remember hearing a siren at
16	all?
17	A I'm not sure about the siren.
18	Q Okay. Maybe an air horn, possibly?
19	A Yeah, I think so, yes.
20	Q Okay. So, you knew just to pull over.
21	A Yeah, I knew just pull over.
22	Q Okay. Then what happened?
23	A So then a police officer comes to me, and then
24	he asks for my license and registration. So then I gave

1	him I get a chance to give him my license. I gave him
2	the (inaudible 0:11:48.5), but he (inaudible 0:11:50.3).
3	And I tell him and I tell him then I told him that
4	my that my insurance is on my phone. But the police
5	officer like goes back and he's just like right there.
6	And then he starts to like go backwards too.
7	Q Okay. Now, let me just stop you for a minute.
8	How did you know he was a police officer? Was he dressed
9	like me, with civilian clothes, just with an ID that says
10	police, or was he in full police uniform?
11	A He was in full police
12	Q Okay.
13	A uniform.
14	Q Okay. Where he had like the blue shirt and the
15	pants
16	A Yeah.
17	Q and gun belt, and
18	A (Inaudible 0:12:17.0).
19	Q Okay.
20	A Full dress.
21	Q Okay. Okay, so then he was asking you about
22	your driver's license, correct? And he was asking you
23	about your insurance.
24	A Yes.

1	Q Were the police officers shining their lights
2	in the car?
3	A I think he was, just.
4	Q Okay. What happened then?
5	A So then so then he grabs my license, and he
6	steps back. And then he's shining the light. 'Cause I
7	know that he he was shining the light, 'cause like I
8	see him. And he was shining toward me, and like on my
9	hands, too. And then so he steps back, and then like
10	from there maybe I'm not sure. After that I think
1	he's like shining the light towards the back 'cause I
12	think he probably sees reaching for the for th
13	gun, and then that's when he says, "Oh oh, you better
4	not reach for that gun."
15	Q Okay. When you when you're saying,
16	you're you're and are the
17	same person.
8	A Oh, yeah.
9	Q And this is the person that's seated directly
20	behind you.
21	A Yes.
22	Q So, the police officer that's on your side of
23	the car, you hear him telling something along the
24	lines or something similar to "don't reach for that

1	gun"?
2	A Uh-hum, yes.
3	Q Okay. How many times did the police officer
4	say that?
5	A Four or five times.
6	Q Four or five times.
7	A Uh-hum.
8	BY DETECTIVE ABUZANAT:
9	Q We're they saying it loud?
10	A Yes, he was saying it really loud.
11	Q Okay.
12	BY DETECTIVE GODUTO:
13	Q Okay, now this is pretty important. How does
14	who also is how does he react to what the
15	police officer is saying to him?
16	A Oh, he says, "I'm gonna reach for the gun, and
17	you better put one in my head, and you and you better
18	not miss and hit my cousin." I think that's like the
19	first two times that he says that. Then he says
20	BY DETECTIVE ABUZANAT:
21	Q And when he says "cousin" is he referring to
22	your girlfriend or her brother, who's sitting next to
23	him?
24	A Her brother that's sitting next to him.

1	Q Okay. Okay. So so is telling the
2	officer "you better not miss".
3	A Yes.
4	Q "You better what is he saying, "You better
5	not miss."
6	A "Or you better hit me. Are you gonna shoot
7	you better hit me right here, or in the head."
8	Q Okay.
9	BY DETECTIVE GODUTO:
10	Q So, stelling the police officer to shoot
11	him.
12	A Yes.
13	Q Does he make any other statements like, because
14	I don't want to go to jail, or anything like that?
15	A He told he told the police officer, "Oh, you
16	better oh, you better shoot you better shoot me
17	because I don't want to go to jail."
18	Q Because "I don't want to go to jail" he said?
19	A Yes.
20	BY DETECTIVE ABUZANAT:
21	Q Now at this point what do you, your girlfriend,
22	and her brother do? Now when the police are shouting at
23	him, telling him not to touch the gun, not to reach for
24	the gun, and they're screaming at him, and you guys are

1	inside the car. Just briefly, you told me something on
2	the scene. Tell me about the state of mind of your
3	girlfriend. What was she how was she reacting? How
4	was she
5	A She she was like crying. And she's like
6	terrified and shaking.
7	Q Okay.
8	A And her brother's like, "calm down and relax."
9	Q Okay. Did you you told did you say
10	something to her?
11	A To her, yes, I did.
12	Q Okay. What did you tell her?
13	A I told her to like calm down, and like to
14	relax. 'Cause I seen that she was she was like
15	trembling and like crying. And like she couldn't like
16	stay still.
17	Q Did you say something to behind you?
18	A Oh, I said that
19	Q What did you what did you say to him?
20	A I told him to not to reach for the gun
21	because he because his cousin's right next to him.
22	Q Okay. So you're worried about your girlfriend.
23	A Yes.
24	Q Okay. Do you tell him anything else?

1	Something to the effect of you said, "chill"?
2	A Oh, yeah, "Chill out."
3	Q You told to chill?
4	A Yeah. Yeah.
5	Q Okay. Now her you told me earlier that her
6	brother your girlfriend's brother said something to
7	Do you remember what he told him?
8	A Yes. He said, "Chill, because if the cop
9	shoots, the other bullet might hit his cousin."
10	Q Okay. Did you say something to the effect,
11	what you told me on the scene, "That's my fuckin'
12	sister." That you're
13	A Yeah. said, "I'll I'll 'cause
14	that's my fuckin' sister in the front."
15	Q So, in other words, you you worried that if
16	if he reaches for the gun and the police have to
17	A Have to shoot
18	Q have to shoot that they might
19	A Yeah, they might miss and hit her.
20	Q miss and hit her or her cousin her
21	brother, I'm sorry. Okay. So, we're now going back to
22	So so so now, when the police see the gun,
23	tell him not to reach do they tell everybody to show
24	their hands? Do they say

1	A I think
2	Q Where does everybody in the car have their
3	hands at this point?
4	A Oh well, mines are up still on like the
5	steering wheel.
6	Q On the steering wheel. And your girlfriend?
7	A My girlfriend's hands are up, like straight up.
8	Q And her and her brother?
9	A I don't where his is.
10	Q Okay, you
11	A I wasn't
12	Q because you couldn't see. You couldn't see
13	his. Okay. He's sitting behind you. And so then
13 14	his. Okay. He's sitting behind you. And so then what happens?
14	what happens?
14 15	what happens? A So then so after that I hear like more like
141516	what happens? A So then so after that I hear like more like yelling, and then I think more cops came. I'm not sure.
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1	Q So like footsteps and and more lights, and
2	okay. So you know more more police officers showed
3	up.
4	A Yes. And then so then so then the cops
5	were still shining the light on the gun, and then like
6	And then I seen like the cop steps back more,
7	'cause like they moved for maybe like a second or two.
8	So like I I couldn't extend back more. And that's
9	when the car opens up. But I'm not sure if period opened
10	up the car.
11	Q The what the what opens up? The car
12	A The car door.
13	Q The door the door.
14	BY DETECTIVE GODUTO:
15	Q Would that be the rear car door where
16	was sitting.
17	A Yes.
18	Q Okay.
19	A So then I'm not sure if he opened up the car or
20	the police did. But then I I hear the car door open.
21	And then I think gets out. I see I see him like
22	stumbling, but I'm not sure if he was stumbling or he was
23	tryin' to reach for the gun.
24	BY DETECTIVE ABUZANAT:

1	Q Now did you at this point, did you know the
2	gun was outside of the car?
3	A Yes.
4	Q How did you know it was outside of the car?
5	A Well, because the police officer said, "You
6	better not don't go for that gun."
7	Q But initially it was in the car.
8	A In the car, yes.
9	Q Okay. So, at what point do you think so you
10	said he's out he's reaching for outside, so how do you
11	know it was outside? Because the officers were yelling,
12	or because you saw something?
13	A The officers were like are yelling, and then
14	they kept on like shining the light at the car, and like
15	all over the area where like where was.
16	Q So he gets out of the car and he's doing what
17	now?
18	A Either he's stumbling, or or I believe that
19	now, that he's like reaching for the gun 'cause the
20	like the cops are saying, "Don't go for that gun." And I
21	think
22	Q How many times did they say that?
23	A Three times, four.
24	Q Loud?

1	A Yeah, loud, yes.
2	Q Okay.
3	A Really loud. I I think it was more than one
4	more than one officer also.
5	Q So, so more than one officer is screaming,
6	"Don't reach for the gun. Don't touch that gun." Okay.
7	So then what happens?
8	A So then I think I don't know if he reaches
9	for it. But then I seen him from like from like the
10	corner of my eye, and then I think like he either he's
11	sees something, or either he's trying to reach it, and
12	then that's when they opened fire.
13	Q They opened fire. So so you believe the
14	police shot him.
15	A Yeah, they shot him.
16	Q Okay. Do you remember how many shots you heard
17	roughly?
18	A Roughly four, five.
19	Q Four or five shots, okay. What happens to
20	Because you said you said he's out of the car
21	now, and you can kind of see him
22	A I can kinda
23	Q in your peripheral vision?
24	A Uh-hum, yes.

1	Q So what happens to him now?
2	A I think like he steps back a little, and then
3	he falls. And then once he falls, that's like when the
4	officers came. There was more officers that came towards
5	the car shining their lights. And then they said,
6	"Everybody put your hands up where I can see them." So
7	we so everybody just like put their well me, I put
8	my hands up on the wheel. And like she she was. And
9	then that's when the officer said, "Get him away from the
10	fuckin' gun." So then they took him an officer in
11	like a white shirt came and like pulled him away from the
12	gun.
13	Q Now, you could see this because he's on the
14	ground. He's still in the car, but or is
15	right here on on the in the alley on the ground.
16	A Yes.
17	Q And you see an officer with a white shirt
18	pulling pulling him away.
19	A Yeah.
20	Q And you believe he said, "Get him away from the
21	gun" or "the fuckin' gun." And that's when he pulled him
22	away. And then and then what happened?
23	A And then and then more officers come. And
24	then an officer yells, "Get them out of the passenger

1	seats." So that's when a police officer from from
2	each from each door each door comes and like they
3	get us out. And then they tell us to put our to put
4	our hands toward the ground, and like to put our hands
5	behind our back, and that's when that's when I got
6	cuffed. And I'm like he cuffed me and then he picked
7	me up, and then he took me to the to his car.
8	Q Okay. Are you injured in anyway?
9	A Oh, no, I'm not.
10	Q No?
11	BY DETECTIVE GODUTO:
12	Q To your knowledge, the only person that got
13	shot in this incident was
14	A
15	Q Okay.
16	BY DETECTIVE ABUZANAT:
17	Q Okay. Now, since you've been here, you've had
18	the opportunity I've asked if you wanted to use the
19	washroom.
20	A Yes.
21	Q We you've had obviously, I got you some
22	water, some peanuts. You had some chips.
23	A Uh-hum.
24	Q So, you've had some food and water.

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